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Sample News Story

A Double Dinosaur Discovery

The writer shows **when** this event took place.

The writer's lead grabs the reader's attention.

The writer tells **who** made these discoveries and **how** scientists made them.

Last December, two research teams working 2,000 miles apart in Antarctica made amazing discoveries. Each unearthed the fossilized remains of what is believed to be a new species of dinosaur. One is an herbivore, or plant eater, and the other is a carnivore, or meat eater.

Working separately, the teams led by scientists James Martin and William Hammer found the fossils. "There we were, in the middle of Antarctica, talking to Bill about his find 2,000 miles away," Martin told TFK.

The title gives information about the story.

The writer tells the reader **what** this story is about.

The writer uses a quote from a scientist on the team to show that he is important.

FROZEN IN TIME

The writer shows **where** this event took place.

The writer explains **why** this discovery is important.

Near Beardmore Glacier, Hammer's team found the bones of what they think is a plant-eating sauropod that lived 200 million years ago during the Jurassic Period. On the island off the Antarctica Peninsula, Martin and his team found the bones of a type of theropod, a group that includes the tyrannosaur.

Each discovery will give scientists a new glimpse into the age of the dinosaurs. Any fossil find in Antarctica is rare, because bones and other remains are frozen and buried under many layers of ice. "We know very little about life in Antarctica from this particular time period," said Martin.

Excavating the fossils is just the beginning. The scientists will start a yearlong process to analyze the bits of teeth and bone. "It's a detective story," Martin says. "You take all these bits of evidence and reconstruct the past."

The writer uses a subhead to help organize his or her story.

The writer describes what the scientists found.

The writer ends the story by explaining what will happen to the dinosaur bones.

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